# Baseball Goats and Their Shepherds

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#### Fred Clarke's Success

IN discussing the great managers of the game, it would be unfair to omit the name of Fred Clarke, head of the Pittsburgh club. Clarke has been in charge of that club for years, and has never turned out a bad team. On three occasions he has won the champ onship. Like Mc-Graw and Chance, he is one of the few managers who realize that a player of ability means more to a club than the manner in which the game should be played. If let alone, good players will formulate plans themselves, and they can get along with an ordinary manager. On the other hand, no manager, no matter how able he may be, can produce a winner unless he has the players to begin with who can thak.

Fred Clarke's success is due to ne fact that he knows good players when he sees them. He is not so much of a developer as he is a discoverer. In Wagner and Leach he has two of the erer. In Wagner and Leach he has two of the greatest players of the day; but he lets them him from Connie Mack he quickly shoved his do the playing. Clarke is another manager of the cold, deliberative stamp. In him there is no humor. He knows how the game ought to be played, and tells his men to do it that way. He is not inventive; but his judgment on the ability of men is wonderful. Clarke is inclined tricks, etc.

"A lot of bosh about that," he said to me once. "The plays you fellows are always booming as something new have been used for years. Give me the players who can hit and field, and you can have all the tricks and so called science." From that it can be seen that Clarke is some-

what of a cynic. A peculiar fact concerning McGraw, chance, and Clarke is that they never place any restrictions on the members of their teams. in the official standing of the League.

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Some of the teams that are continually classed as losers have regular hours for retir-

ing, and strict rules as to diet and drink.

The winners do as they please; but it so happens that when they have such men as Chance,
McGraw, and Clarke behind them they please

### Connie Mack's Traits

widely as those of the players. On one ington. hand will be a successful baseball pilot who is a natural wit, while on the other is a man equally as successful who is almost ministerial in his looks and actions.

Connie Mack, who has led the Philadelphia Athletics to two pennants, could easily be taken for a minister. He wears serious clothes, and his face is almost as melancholy as that of Abraham Lincoln. Beneath that stern composure, however, there is a spring of humor that bubbles forth every once and awhile and throws the league into fits of laughter.

Mack made his first shrewd move as manager by cutting down his name. He was born with the name of Cornelius McGillicuddy, or words to that effect. He promptly pruned that down to Connie Mack, and was a success immediately. It would have been impossible to have made "Cornelius McGillicuddy" fit in the headline type of any newspaper, and Mack accommodatingly trimmed it up for the convenience of editors and official scorers. Having done that likewise. Jennings has immortalized himself much for baseball, he next conferred a blessing on the game by cutting down Ossie Schrecken-on the game by cutting down Ossie Schrecken-on the game so as to make it plain O. Schre editors and official scorers. Having done that gost's name so as to make it plain O. Schreck. That would fit any style of type, and is good enough for a ball player who does not hit over .400, anyway.

When Mack took charge of the Philadelphia Athletics, there were many expressions of doubt as to the success of the American League which was then just starting. John McGraw one day referred to the Philadelphia club as a white elephant on the hands of the American League." That rankled in Mack's craw. He set about to organize a winning team, and the first thing anybody knew he had won the championship and the Athletics were outdrawing the National Club of Philadelphia two to one. To this day Mack insists on keeping the "White

Elephant" flag flying over the park.

Connie Mack has the peculiar ability of taking an old player whom others have cast aside and, by trimming up his fetlocks, turning him into a championship player. His greatest trial and ultimate success, however, was in handling Rube Waddell, the most eccentric player the game ever knew. Waddell has a provoking habit of disappearing at times, and he cannot be found for weeks. On one occasion he was gone for two weeks, and Mack discovered him working as scene shifter in a melodramatic

Ossie Schreck is also rather eccentric; and, as he and Waddell were great friends, Mack thought it a good idea to place the responsi-bility of looking after Rube on the shoulders of Schreck. Ossie accepted the job with con- a stale bargain counter after a rush. siderable pride, and throughout the league he became known as Rube's "Keeper.

After two successful years Schreck finally came to Mack one day and announced that he would refuse to sign another contract unless Mack would consent to a stipulation in when you fall in love. Waddell's contract that Rube was not to "eat crackers in bed.

"Why, Ossie!" asked Mack. "What is the trouble?"

"Well, it is simply this," replied Schreck.
"You know I have to sleep in the same room with him. Rube has a habit of eating crackers in the bed every night, and he prefers the kind that are made up in the shape of little animals. Lots of mornings I wake up and find the tusk of a cracker elephant wedged in between my ribs. And I can't stand for it, that's all!"

Looking as serious as a minister, Mack framed the two contracts so as to agree with Schreck's conditions, and there was peace in the family for another season.

### McAle.r as Manager

THE troubles with Waddell finally grew so great that Mack sold him to James Mc-Aleer, manager of the St. Louis Browns. Mc-Aleer, by the way, is another of the great managers who succeeded through his ability to know good players when he sees them.

team upward until it was a contender for the American League pennant up to the last week of last season. McAleer was a wonderful player himself. His success, however, is not as a developer, but, like Fred Clarke of Pittsburgh, he is a discoverer. McAleer is also a great trader. to scoff at all the talk about new plays, clever He is a shrewd thinker, and every time the league meets is always on hand to match his wits with the other managers as a "David

One of his trades a year or more ago sent the St. Louis club upward, and incidentally is said to have been the cause of the New York Americans falling to the bottom of the heap. In a four-cornered deal—that is, one that concerns four players—McAleer so mastered his opponent

was when he sold a player named John Anderson on a moment's notice. St. Louis and New York were engaged in a close contest, and St. Louis had the bases full. Anderson was on first. Without thinking of the consequences. the absent minded Anderson started to steal second. He made it all right; but the other runners were forced out, and St. Louis lost the

"How would you like to sell Anderson?" Clark Griffith asked of McAleer that night.

"You can have him for any price you say, and you can take him away to-night," replied McAleer. "And he is a record breaker at that. to do exactly the right thing at the right time. He is the only living man who ever stole second with the bases full.

Griffith took him; but later saw the wisdom THE characteristics of managers vary as of McAleer's judgment and sold him to Wash-

## Jennings the Spectacular

PROBABLY the most spectacular manager in baseball to-day is Hugh Jennings of Detroit. Coming fresh from the minor league, Jennings went to Detroit and won two cham-pionships in succession. Up to the time of his arrival the club was a consistent loser.

To speak of Jennings and his sparkling wt and humor would be to speak of McGraw. In disposition they are practically the same. They formerly played on the same club, the Baltimore Orioles, and they have the same habits.

They play baseball in exactly the same way. On his arrival in Detroit. Jennings looked the field over carefully and saw that the only thing needed was to put the Tigers into good humor. They had the ability to begin with. This he proceeded to do by playing the part of comedian on the coaching lines. while he had other members of the club doing

This cry is known throughout the country. and to be appreciated t must be seen. To a full enjoyment it is also necessary to observe his actions. Jennings lifts one foot high in the air, lets out that piercing yell and the grandstand breaks into roars of laughter. players also catch the spirit and immediately start to cracking jokes at one another. In this way Jennings gets them all into good humor. and that means harmony in work.

Jennings has often been asked for a definition of "E-yah!" and to dispose of the matter finally gives the following explanation:

"I knew I had to say something; so I got on the coaching line and began yelling to my players, 'That's the way! That's the way!' That sounded a little dull; so I changed it so as to make it 'That's the way, ah!' This had more life to it and consequently more effect. By yelling this repeatedly I gradually cut it down. Then I grew hoarse one day and all I could say was '-ay-ah!' That appeared to hit the mark with both ball players and fans and thereafter I stuck to 'E-yah!

Many of Jennings' admirers contend that the "E-yah!" call won him the American League championship.

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